

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-16 and the specification are amended, and claims 17-20 are added. No new matter is added.

I. Objections to the Specification

The Abstract is objected to for being in improper format. An amended Abstract, in proper format, is attached hereto. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The specification is objected to for lacking headings. The specification has been amended to include appropriate headings. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is requested.

II. Objections to the Claims

Claims 1-16 are objected to because they contain terms that lack antecedent basis. Additionally, the Office Action suggested that the claims be rewritten to conform with U.S. format. Claims 1-16 have been amended to provide clear antecedent basis and to better conform with U.S. format. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office Action rejects claims 6-9 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the recitation of "it" and "they" is unclear and confusing. Claims 6-9 and 13-16 have been amended to remove the terms "it" and "they." Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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